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1. SEC-GEN VAN LENNEP CHAIRED DEC. 13 HEADS OF DEL
MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS CCG REAPPRAISAL PROPOSAL.
AFTER LONG INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT REQUESTING ENDORSEMENT
OF SEC-GEN'S PROPOSAL (CSG(77)4), DISCUSSION FOLLOWED
ALONG DIVIDED LINES. SOME DELS, MOSTLY SMALLER
NON-NATO MEMBERS, SUPPORTED SEC-GEN'S PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-
LEVEL EXPERT STUDY GROUP. OTHERS, SUPPORTING US DEL'S
VIEW (STATE 255576), FAILED TO SEE NEED FOR HIGH
LEVEL EXPERTS. SEVERAL DELS REQUESTED SEC-GEN TO
PREPARE ADDITIONAL PAPER DESCRIBING IN GREATER DETAIL
THE PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION AS HE SEES THEM. SEC-GEN
AGREED TO THIS REQUEST AND PROMISED FURTHER DISCUSSION
EARLY IN 1978.

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2. SEVERAL DELS COMMENTED ON FACT THAT ELECTION OF
NEW CCG CHAIRMAN SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE DEC. 14 AND
THAT CANDIDATES FOR BOTH CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN
WERE FROM BRUSSELS. SEC-GEN INTRODUCED SUGGESTION
THAT UNLESS SPECIAL URGENCY EXISTED, POSTPONEMENT OF
ELECTION UNTIL JANUARY CCG MEETING MIGHT ALLOW DELEGA-

TIONS TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE PARIS-BASED CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN. THIS WOULD BE IN LINE WITH SUGGESTION OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THAT SINCE OECD HAD THE BROADEST MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIVE COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS, PARIS SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF CCG ACTIVITY.

3. WHILE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THE ADDITIONAL PARIS-BASED CANDIDATES WILL SURFACE IN NEXT MONTH, BELIEVE IT IS WORTHWHILE SUPPORTING POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION OF CCG CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN UNTIL JANUARY MEETING.
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